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CU/AF FOR MISS MARJORIE RODGERS

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SUBJECT: FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION OF PRIME NYAMOYA

1. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING MARJORIE JOHNSON, PROJECT SPECIALIST, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT AT MADISON, TELEPHONE (608) 263-3730 RE FOLLOWING MATTER:
2. LAST OCTOBER, AT EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION, A MURUNDI ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AT UNIVERSITY OF BURUNDI, MR. PRIME NYAMOYA (WHO IS SON OF EX-GRB PRIME MINISTER) REQUESTED INFO RE OBTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND ADMISSION TO ABOVENOBPROGR AM.
3. NYAMOYA RECEIVED AND SUBMITTED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION IN DECEMBER, ALTHOUGH ACCOMPANYING LITERATURE NOTED IN PASSING DUE DATE FOR LATTER WAS NOVEMBER 15. IT ALSO STATED, "APPLICATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15 FOR MOST FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION".
4. YESTERDAY (FEB 13) NYAMOYA RECEIVED NOTIFICATION DATED JANUARY 17 THAT HIS PRELIMINARY APPLICATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT DATE AND COULD THEREFORE NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL ACADEMIC YEAR 1975-76.
5. EMBASSY UPSET THAT APPLICATION TIMING HAS SUDDENLY

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BECOME MAJOR ROADBLOCK TO PROMISING CANDIDATE WHO INITIATED CONTACT AT BEGINNING BURUNDI'S ACADEMIC YEAR AND HAS RESPONDED PROMPTLY TO UNIVERSITY'S COMMUNICATIONS. (SITUATION HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY MAIL DELAYS; ONE-WAY DELIVERY HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN AT LEAST THREE WEEKS AND SOMETIMES MORE.) APPLICANT NATURALLY SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTACT MISS JOHNSON TO INQUIRE WHETHER CENTER WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING LATE APPLICATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) YOUNG MEN OF NYAMOYA'S CALIBER AND QUALIFICATIONS RARE IN BURUNDI AND ADVANCED TRAINING OF THIS TYPE ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPMENT HERE.

B)X ALTHOUGH NYAMOYA CURRENTLY PLANNING RETURN TO TEACHING FOLLOWING TRAINING, HIS CONNECTIONS COULD EASILY LEAD TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE (WHICH EMBASSY WOULD ALSO VIEW FAVORABLY, GIVEN HIS INTELLIGENCE AND REASONED APPROACH).

C) NYAMOYA HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED EXTRA-ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTAL INTERESTS THROUGH HIS PARTICIPATION AS DIRECTOR OF RURAL DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES IN RECENT PATHFINDER FUND PROJECT.

D) NYAMOYA HAS DEMONSTRATED SERIOUS INTEREST BY TAKING TOEFL TEST IN JANUARY AT OWN EXPENSE. RESULTS BEING SENT WISCONSIN.

E) FACT UNIVERSITY OF BURUNDI CONTRACTS ARE FOR TWO YEARS WOULD MAKE DEPARTURE IN SUMMER 1975 AWKWARD.

F) EMBASSY'S FEELING THAT U.S. TRAINING WOULD BENEFIT THIS HIGHLY PROMISING YOUNG MAN AS WELL AS FUTURE BURUNDI DEVELOPMENT SHARED BY UNDP PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROJECT STAFF.

7. IF CENTER'S REACTION FAVORABLE, PLEASE REQUEST FINAL APPLICATION FORMS BE MAILED TO YOU FOR AIR MAILING HERE. ANY SUGGESTIONS ON STEPS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN IN ADVANCE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH AS COLLECTING DOCUMENTATION NEEDED IN OBTAINING LETTERS FROM TWENTY, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

8. IF UNFAVORABLE, PLEASE INQUIRE WHETHER EXAMINATION OF PRELIMINARY APPLICATION PROVIDES ANY ASSURANCE OF

ACCEPTANCE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1975-76. SUCH ASSURANCE
WOULD MAKE IT EASIER PERSUADE UNIVERSITY AGREE TO ONE-YEAR
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